

Glory to God

I. Introduction

- A. What is man's highest goal or purpose?
- B. The first question of the Shorter Westminster Catechism asks: "*What is the chief end of man?*" Do you know what they answer?
- C. Do you happily, enjoy living your life for God's glory and pleasure alone?
- D. Why do most live their lives for their own glory and pleasure?
- E. How might you define God's glory?

II. Scripture

A. Word and Phrase Study.

1. "**Glory**" (402 times-KJV Bible; 13 Hebrew words used 225 times [OT], 8 Greek words used 177 times [NT]).
 - a. "**Kabod**"—Heb. Glory, splendor, copiousness, weight, glorious, honor (200 times).
 - b. "**Halal**"—Heb. Glory, clear, shine, boast, foolish, rave, celebrate, commend, give [light], [sing, be worthy of] praise, rage, renowned (165 times).
 - c. "**Kabad**" or "**Kabed**"—Heb. *In a good sense*-Glory, glorify, glorious, heavy, numerous, rich, honor; *In a bad sense*-dull, severe, burdensome (114 times).
 - d. "**Tipharah**" or "**Tiphereth**"—Heb. Glory, ornament, beauty, beautiful, comely, bravery, fair, honor, majesty (51 times).
 - e. "**Tsebiy**"—Heb. Glory, prominence, splendor, glorious, goodly, pleasant, gazelle [as beautiful], roe [buck] (32 times).
 - f. "**Hadar**"—Heb. Glory, Magnificence, beautify, comeliness, excellency, glorious, goodly, honor, majesty (30 times).
 - g. "**Hod**"—Heb. Glory, grandeur, copiousness, beauty, glorious, excellency, goodly, honor, majesty (24 times).
 - h. "**Paar**"—Heb. Glory, gleam, embellish, boast, explain, beautify, glorify (14 times).
 - i. "**Addereth**"—Heb. Glory, ample, garment, goodly, mantle, robe (12 times).
 - j. "**Shabach**"—Heb. Glory, address, loud, pacify, commend, keep in, praise, still, triumph (11 times).
 - k. "**Yeqar**"—Heb./Chaldee Glory, honor (7 times).
 - l. "**Tohar**"—Heb. Glory, brightness, ceremonial purification, clearness, purifying (4 times).

- m. "**Heder**"—Heb. Glory, honor, figuratively the capital city [Jerusalem] (1 time).
 - n. "**Doxa**"—Gr. Glory, dignity, honor, praise, glorious, worship (168 times).
 - o. "**Doxazo**"—Gr. Glory, render [or esteem], glorious, glorify, honor, magnify (62 times).
 - p. "**Kauchaomai**"—Gr. Glory, boast, joy, rejoice (38 times).
 - q. "**Kauchesis**"—Gr. Glory, boasting, glorifying, rejoicing (12 times).
 - r. "**Kauchema**"—Gr. Glory, boast, rejoice, rejoicing (11 times).
 - s. "**Katakauchaomai**"—Gr. Glory, to exalt against, boast [against], rejoice against (4 times).
 - t. "**Kenodoxa**"—Gr. Desirous of vain glory, vainly-glorifying, self-conceited (1 time).
 - u. "**Kleos**"—Gr. Glory, renown (1 time).
2. "**Glorified**" (50 times-KJV Bible).
 3. "**The glory of the Lord**" (36 times-KJV Bible).
 4. "**Glorify**" (25 times-KJV Bible).
 5. "**Glory of God**" (17 times-KJV Bible).
 6. "**Glorify God**" (7 times-KJV Bible).
 7. "**Glorify him**" (3 times-KJV Bible).
 8. "**Glorifying**" (3 times-KJV Bible).

B. Select Scriptures.

1. **Psa. 19:1**—"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork."
2. **1Pe. 4:11**—"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to Whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."
3. **1Co. 10:31**—"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."
4. **Rom. 3:23**—"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."
5. **2Co. 4:4, 6, 15**—"4-In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, Who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 6-For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to

- give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 15-For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the **thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.**"*
6. **Rom. 1:21**—"Because that, when they knew God, they **glorified him not as God**, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."
 7. **2Th. 1:9-12**—"9-Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from **the glory of His power**; 10-When He shall come to be **glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe** (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. 11-Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power: 12-That **the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.**"
 8. **Php. 2:11**—"And that every tongue should **confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**"
 9. **John 11:40**—"Jesus saith unto her, 'Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest **believe**, thou shouldest **see the glory of God?**'"
 10. **John 11:4**—"When Jesus heard that, He said, '**This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.**'"
 11. **Rom. 5:2**—"By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and **rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**"
 12. **John 15:8**—"Herein is **My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit**; so shall ye be My disciples."
 13. **Gal. 6:14**—"But God forbid that **I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.**"

14. **1Co. 6:20**—"For ye are bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**"
15. **Psa. 50:23**—"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God."
16. **Mat. 5:16**—"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see **your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**"

III. Application

- A. Should Christians be known for excellence in all they do, why/why not?
- B. If glorifying God is man's chief aim, what does it mean to give glory to, do all things to God's glory, or glorify God alone?
- C. Does God deserve all our glory, honor, worship, and praise, why?
- D. Do you commit to or continue to live your life to bring God glory?
- E. Get with 1-3 other people and discuss ways you can bring glory to God this week. What are some of those ways?
- F. Each group, bow your heads and someone start and have each group member pray for them self and each other to bring great glory to God.